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HIGHLIGHTS

In October 1987, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for North Carolina dropped to 3.9 percent from the prior month's rate of 4.0 percent. The national unemployment rate for the month, after seasonal adjustments, rose by 0.1 percent to 6.0. From October, a year ago, the state's unemployment rate fell from 5.1 to its current rate. Nationally, the unemployment rate was down by 0.9 percent from the October 1986 rate of 6.9.

The seasonally adjusted civilian labor force in North Carolina increased by 37,000 workers from 3,313,000 in September to 3,350,000 in October. From October 1986 to October 1987, the civilian labor force showed a percentage increase of 4.5, or a gain of 144,000.

The October employment estimate, after seasonal adjustments stood at 3,218,000, increasing 36,000 from the prior month figure of 3,182,000. From October 1986, a 5.8 percent increase in employment boosted the year-ago total of 3,041,000 to the October 1987 estimate. Unemployment over the month, September-October, was up by 1,000 jobless workers for an increase of less than one percent. Numbering 165,000 in October 1986, unemployment dropped by 20 percent (-33,000) for the twelve-month period.

The state's seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment in October was estimated at 2,849,000 or 10,900 more than the prior month's estimate of 2,838,100. Over the year, nonagricultural employment increased by 99,400 (+3.6 percent).

Manufacturing employment at 857,100 in October was up by 1,700 workers as durable goods gained 3,300 workers and nondurable goods lost 1,600. Gains and losses were small throughout the industry divisions. From October a year ago, employment in manufacturing grew by 26,200 with a 12,300 worker increase in durable goods and a growth of 13,900 in nondurable goods. The largest employment gains in manufacturing from October 1986 to October 1987 occurred in textiles, +8,400; apparel, +5,100; and furniture, +3,700.

Nonmanufacturing employment rose 9,200 from 1,982,700 in September to 1,991,900 in October. Growth in the trade industry (+3,400) and in the service and miscellaneous industry (+3,300) accounted for about 73 percent of the monthly increase. From October 1986, nonmanufacturing employment increased by 73,200 workers. Employment increases in trade and service and miscellaneous contributed about two-thirds (66.0 percent) of the growth.

The weekly average unemployment insurance claims numbered 24,011 in October, down 5,009 from September. Average weeks claimed by industry of attachment decreased by more than 500 in trade (-808), local government (-651), apparel (-592), and construction (-539). From September, claims by industry of attachment were up in textiles, transportation equipment, rubber and plastics, and leather.

Individuals placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission in October numbered 16,524. The largest number of individuals placed, 3,318, was in packaging and material handling occupations. More than 7,500 were placed in manufacturing industries, and over 3,000 were placed in jobs in the service industry.

The number of production workers in manufacturing increased by 1,600 in durable goods, but fell by 900 in nondurables for a net increase of 700 from September to October. None of the industry divisions reported significant changes in the number of production workers over the month. From October 1986 to October 1987, industries with the largest gains in production workers were textiles, +7,300; furniture, +3,000; and transportation equipment, +2,000. The tobacco industry experienced a loss of 2,000 production workers during the twelve-month period with the decrease occurring in cigarette manufacturing.

Production workers in manufacturing earned an average of $326.98 per week in October. The average hourly earnings for these workers dropped one cent an hour over the month from $7.87 to $7.86, and the average weekly hours increased from 41.1 to 41.6. Workers in fabricated metals earned $.87 an hour more in October than in September as hourly earnings increased from $8.78 to $9.65. Workers in tobacco and in plastics earned $.47 an hour less in October than in September. From October 1986, all production workers experienced higher hourly earnings except those in plastics. The average increase in manufacturing over the year was $.28 an hour. Fabricated metal workers received the largest increase, +$1.18 per hour. In nonmanufacturing, wholesale trade and hotel nonsupervisory workers averaged more pay a week in October than in September. Mining and hotel employees earned more per hour, two and three cents, respectively, in October than during the prior month. Nonsupervisory employees in mining earned $.50 more an hour in October 1987 than a year ago, and those in communications and public utilities realized an increase of $.41 per hour.

Table 1

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

October 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: May 1987 through October 1987					
	Oct. 1986	May 1987	June 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,780	4,829	4,836	4,843	4,848	4,854	4,861
Civilian Labor Force	3,206	3,240	3,292	3,322	3,306	3,313	3,350
Participation Rate 1/	67.1	67.1	68.1	68.6	68.2	68.3	68.9
Employed	3,041	3,101	3,143	3,171	3,165	3,182	3,218
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	63.6	64.2	65.0	65.5	65.3	65.6	66.2
Unemployed	165	139	149	151	141	131	132
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.9
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: July 1987 through September 1987		
	Oct. 1986	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,780	4,848	4,854	4,861
Civilian Labor Force	3,212	3,351	3,303	3,354
Participation Rate 1/	67.2	69.1	68.0	69.0
Employed	3,049	3,211	3,187	3,225
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	63.8	66.2	65.7	66.3
Unemployed	163	140	116	129
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.2	3.5	3.9

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Table 2

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

October 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: May 1987 through October 1987					
	Oct. 1986	May 1987	June 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	181,186	182,533	182,703	182,885	183,002	183,161	183,311
Civilian Labor Force	118,414	119,993	119,517	119,952	120,302	119,861	120,361
Participation Rate 1/	65.4	65.7	65.4	65.6	65.7	65.4	65.7
Employed	110,192	112,447	112,257	112,727	113,081	112,772	113,187
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	60.8	61.6	61.4	61.6	61.8	61.6	61.7
Unemployed	8,222	7,546	7,260	7,224	7,221	7,089	7,174
Unemployment Rate	6.9	6.3	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.0
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.2	INA*

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: August 1987 through October 1987		
	Oct. 1986	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	181,186	183,002	183,161	183,311
Civilian Labor Force	118,699	121,614	119,884	120,744
Participation Rate 1/	65.5	66.5	65.5	65.9
Employed	110,857	114,527	113,027	113,898
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	61.2	62.6	61.7	62.1
Unemployed	7,842	7,088	6,857	6,845
Unemployment Rate	6.6	5.8	5.7	5.7
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.3	2.1	1.8	INA*

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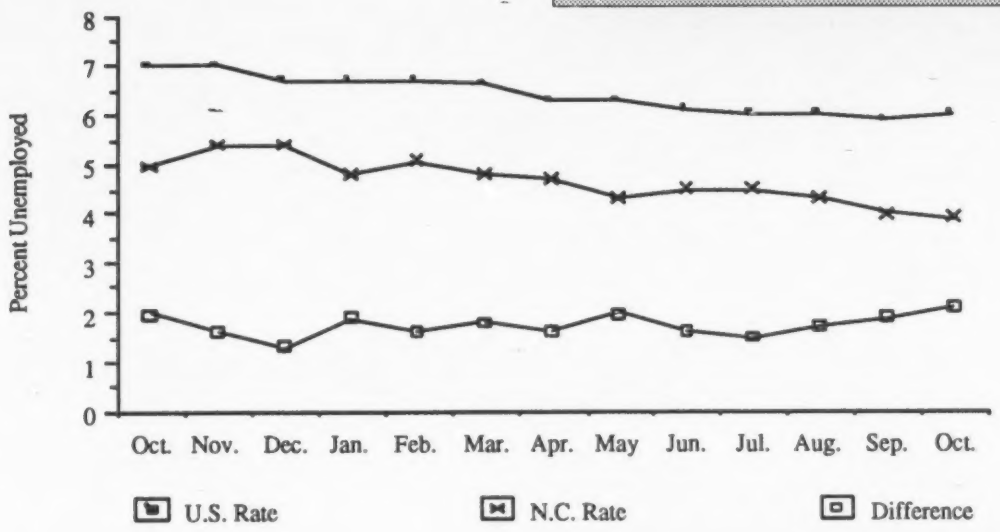

Figure 2

North Carolina Unemployment Rates (Adjusted and Unadjusted)

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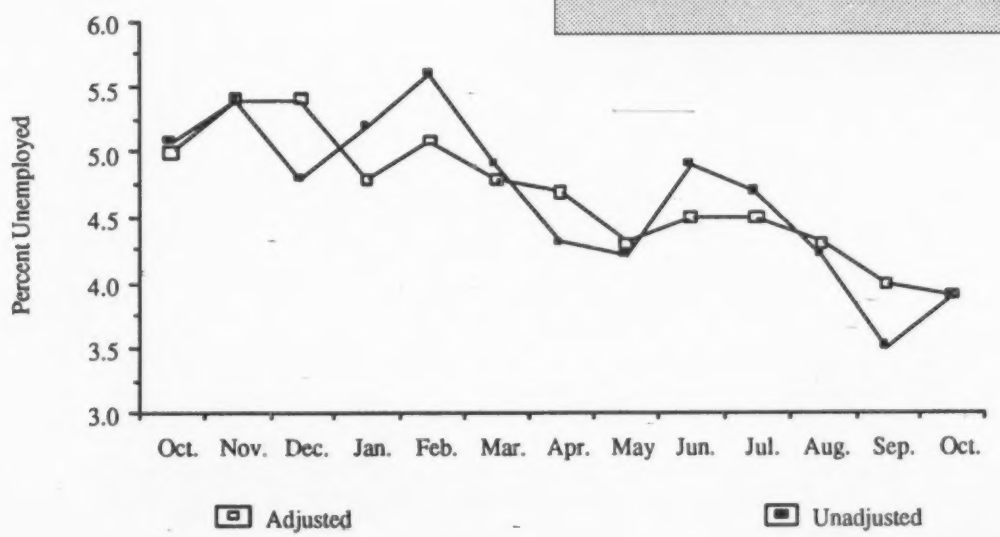

Table 3

Industry Employment in North Carolina

October 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment Oct. 1987	Sep.* 1987	Oct. 1986	Change From: September 1987 Net	September 1987 Percent	October 1986 Net	October 1986 Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,354.1	3,303.1	3,211.8	+ 51.0	+ 1.5	+ 142.3	+ 4.4
Unemployment, Total	129.2	116.4	163.1	+ 12.8	+ 11.0	- 33.9	- 20.8
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.9	3.5	5.1	+ 0.4	-----	- 1.2	-----
Employment, Total	3,224.9	3,186.7	3,048.7	+ 38.2	+ 1.2	+ 176.2	+ 5.8
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,350.0	3,313.0	3,206.0	+ 37.0	+ 1.1	+ 144.0	+ 4.5
Unemployment, Total	132.0	131.0	165.0	+ 1.0	+ 0.8	- 33.0	- 20.0
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.9	4.0	5.1	- 0.1	-----	- 1.2	-----
Employment, Total	3,218.0	3,182.0	3,041.0	+ 36.0	+ 1.1	+ 177.0	+ 5.8
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,849.0	2,838.1	2,749.6	+ 10.9	+ 0.4	+ 99.4	+ 3.6
Manufacturing	857.1	855.4	830.9	+ 1.7	+ 0.2	+ 26.2	+ 3.2
Durable Goods	350.2	346.9	337.9	+ 3.3	+ 1.0	+ 12.3	+ 3.6
Lumber & Wood Products	37.4	37.2	37.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.5	- 0.1	- 0.3
Furniture & Fixtures	89.4	89.3	85.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 3.7	+ 4.3
Stone, Clay & Glass	21.5	21.5	20.5	0.0	0.0	+ 1.0	+ 4.9
Primary Metals	11.7	11.5	11.0	+ 0.2	+ 1.7	+ 0.7	+ 6.4
Fabricated Metals	27.5	27.1	26.2	+ 0.4	+ 1.5	+ 1.3	+ 5.0
Machinery, exc. Electrical	58.5	57.8	56.2	+ 0.7	+ 1.2	+ 2.3	+ 4.1
Electrical Machinery	60.3	59.3	60.2	+ 1.0	+ 1.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Transportation Equipment	26.1	25.8	23.8	+ 0.3	+ 1.2	+ 2.3	+ 9.7
Other Durable Goods 3/	17.8	17.4	16.8	+ 0.4	+ 2.3	+ 1.0	+ 6.0

* Revised.
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Industry Employment in North Carolina

October 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment Oct. 1987	Sep.* 1987	Oct. 1986	Change From: September 1987 Net	Percent	October 1986 Net	Percent
Nondurable Goods	506.9	508.5	493.0	- 1.6	- 0.3	+ 13.9	+ 2.8
Food & Kindred Products	47.4	47.2	46.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 1.3
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.5	24.6	25.9	- 1.1	- 4.5	- 2.4	- 9.3
Textile Mill Products	220.6	220.7	212.2	- 0.1	**	+ 8.4	+ 4.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	91.3	91.3	86.2	0.0	0.0	+ 5.1	+ 5.9
Paper & Allied Products	22.0	22.3	21.9	- 0.3	- 1.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Printing & Publishing	27.8	28.1	27.4	- 0.3	- 1.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.5
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.5	37.6	37.4	- 0.1	- 0.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	32.1	32.0	30.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.2	+ 3.9
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	4.7	4.7	4.3	0.0	0.0	+ 0.4	+ 9.3
Nonmanufacturing	1,991.9	1,982.7	1,918.7	+ 9.2	+ 0.5	+ 73.2	+ 3.8
Mining	4.9	4.9	4.8	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Construction	166.6	166.7	158.8	- 0.1	- 0.1	+ 7.8	+ 4.9
Transportation & Public Utilities	135.6	134.9	134.0	+ 0.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.6	+ 1.2
Transportation, exc. Railroad	74.7	74.4	72.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 1.8	+ 2.5
Comm. & Elec., Gas & San. Ser.	56.9	56.7	56.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Wholesale & Retail Trade	637.5	634.1	611.7	+ 3.4	+ 0.5	+ 25.8	+ 4.2
Wholesale Trade	144.7	144.4	140.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 4.1	+ 2.9
Retail Trade	492.8	489.7	471.1	+ 3.1	+ 0.6	+ 21.7	+ 4.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	128.3	128.4	121.1	- 0.1	- 0.1	+ 7.2	+ 5.9
Service & Miscellaneous 5/	482.4	479.1	459.9	+ 3.3	+ 0.7	+ 22.5	+ 4.9
Total Government	436.6	434.6	428.4	+ 2.0	+ 0.5	+ 8.2	+ 1.9
Federal	52.1	52.3	51.9	- 0.2	- 0.4	+ 0.2	- 0.4
State	127.3	126.3	124.2	+ 1.0	+ 0.8	+ 3.1	+ 2.5
Local	257.2	256.0	252.3	+ 1.2	+ 0.5	+ 4.9	+ 1.9
All Other Nonag. Employment 6/	260.4	253.6	243.1	+ 6.8	+ 2.7	+17.3	7.1
Agriculture	53.4	66.0	57.4	- 12.6	- 19.1	- 4.0	- 7.0

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Composition of Nonagricultural Employment in North Carolina (Seasonally Adjusted)

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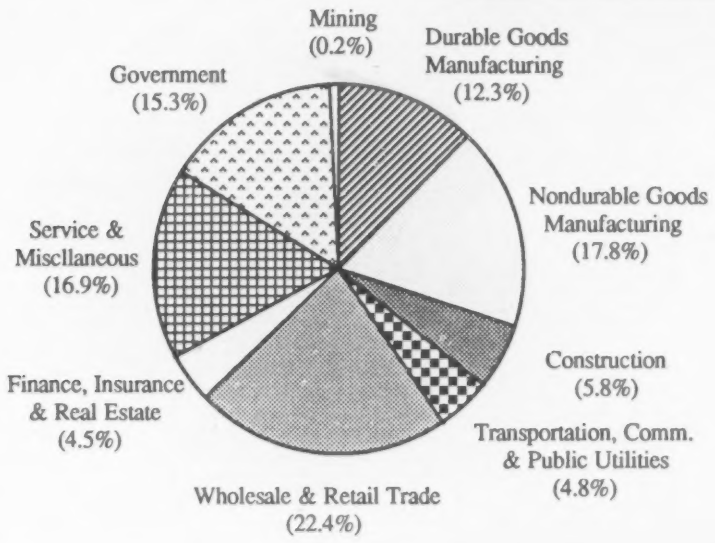

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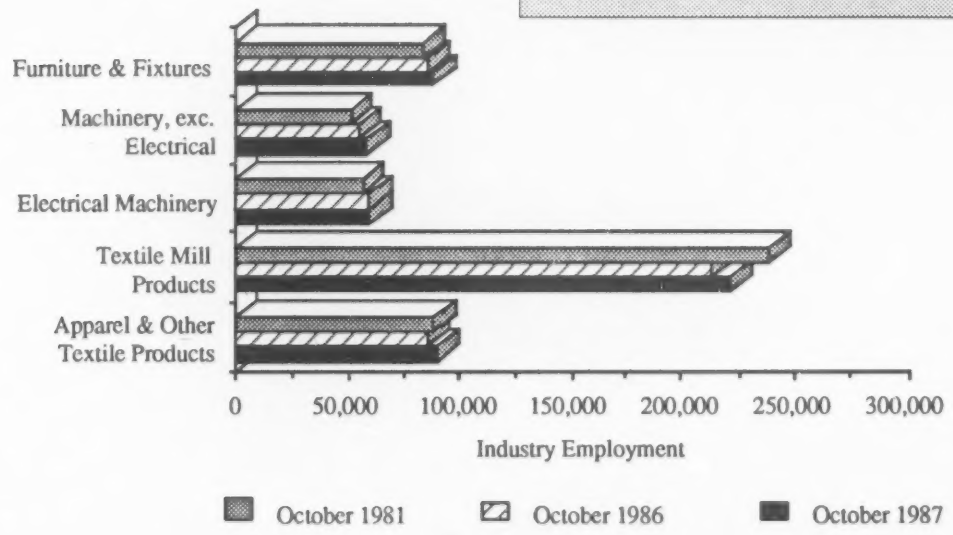

Table 4

Insured Unemployment in North Carolina: Claims Taking Activities by Major Industry Sector 1/

October 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry of Primary Attachment	Insured Employment	Weeks Claimed: Weekly Total	% of Insured Employment	Change From Previous Month: Numerical	Change From Previous Month: Percent
Total All Industries	2,684,001	24,011	0.9	- 5,009	- 17.3
Manufacturing Total	835,937	10,153	1.2	- 1,520	- 13.0
Food Products	47,574	478	1.0	- 96	- 16.7
Tobacco	24,997	72	0.3	- 75	- 51.0
Textile Products	216,581	3,223	1.5	+ 113	+ 3.6
Apparel Products	84,756	1,550	1.8	- 592	- 27.6
Lumber & Wood	38,081	540	1.4	- 2	- 0.4
Furniture & Fixtures	86,428	772	0.9	- 379	- 32.9
Paper & Allied	21,833	104	0.5	- 10	- 8.8
Printing & Publishing	28,019	314	1.1	- 71	- 18.4
Chemicals & Allied	39,051	212	0.5	- 46	- 17.8
Rubber & Plastics	31,727	265	0.8	- 111	- 29.5
Leather Products	3,546	41	1.2	+ 3	+ 7.9
Stone, Clay & Glass	20,185	188	0.9	- 20	- 9.6
Primary & Fabricated Metals	37,307	458	1.2	- 64	- 12.3
Nonelectrical Machinery	56,038	450	0.8	- 59	- 11.6
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	58,178	813	1.4	- 49	- 5.7
Transportation Equipment	23,786	482	2.0	+ 13	+ 2.8
Other Manufacturing 2/	17,850	191	1.1	- 75	- 28.2
Construction	155,142	2,508	1.6	- 539	- 17.7
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	130,777	807	0.6	- 170	- 17.4
Trade	624,651	3,870	0.6	- 808	- 17.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	118,945	671	0.6	- 99	- 12.9
Services	421,786	2,142	0.5	- 402	- 15.8
State Government	112,508	295	0.3	- 385	- 56.6
Local Government	254,873	554	0.2	- 651	- 54.0
Other 3/	xxx	3,011	xxx	- 435	- 12.6

1/ These include new and additional claims. Additional claims are claims which are reopened during the course of an established benefit year.

2/ "Other Manufacturing" includes Petroleum Refining, Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

3/ "Other" includes persons who filed but did not establish a benefit year due to insufficient industry attachment and/or the lack of determination of industry attachment; it also includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining industry employees.

Table 5

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

October 1987 1/

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed 2/	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs 2/, 3/	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	16,524	15,533	605	8	1,384
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	742	442	1	0	8
Clerical Occupations	1,812	1,790	7	3	28
Sales Occupations	604	581	0	0	3
Domestic Service Occupations	131	104	0	0	0
Other Service Occupations	2,369	2,289	0	0	11
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	1,157	658	528	0	6
Processing Occupations	1,326	1,322	10	1	5
Machine Trade Occupations	1,927	1,931	3	2	63
Benchwork Occupations	2,613	2,636	0	0	3
Structural Work Occupations	1,767	1,739	5	1	1,215
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	319	303	6	0	27
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	3,318	3,004	47	1	36
Miscellaneous Occupations	52	45	0	0	1

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October 1987 1/

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Government
7,520	980	2,548	148	3,063	348	705
51	6	72	9	191	107	209
293	198	711	89	407	94	221
18	14	487	7	54	0	1
0	0	0	1	101	2	5
117	59	759	15	1,273	105	186
5	0	12	11	94	2	16
1,266	2	14	0	24	1	1
1,734	9	49	1	71	6	9
2,394	0	32	0	230	0	0
362	29	27	14	121	12	19
37	124	68	0	40	10	12
1,548	540	361	1	525	4	20
20	6	2	0	11	5	9

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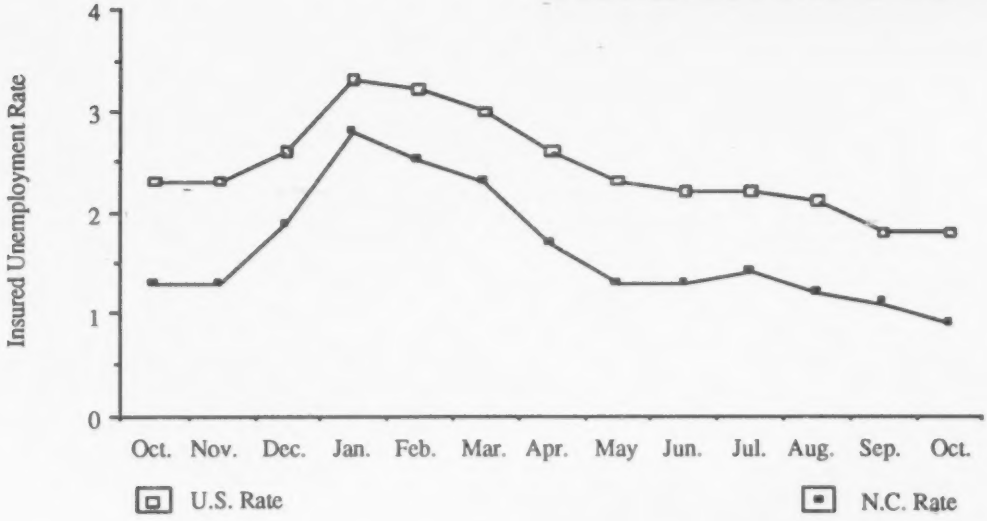

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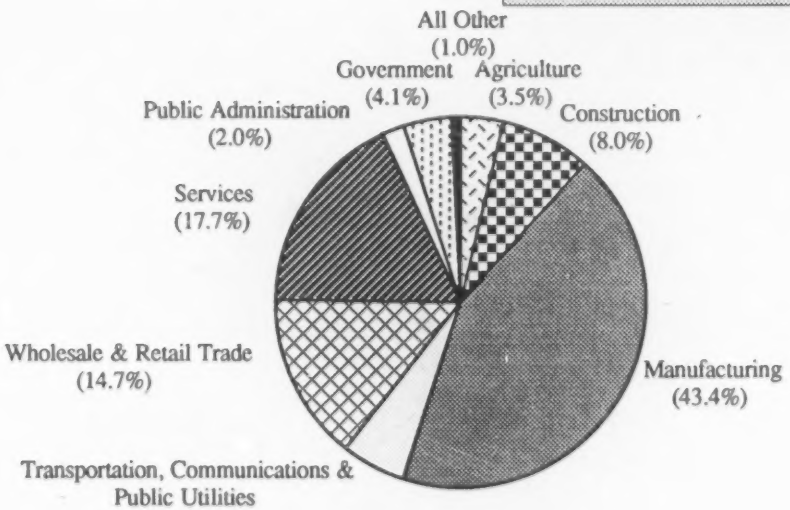

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Table I

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

October 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Oct. 1987	Sep.* 1987	Oct. 1986	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1986
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,878.6	2,858.3	2,782.3	+ 0.7	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	861.8	860.8	839.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.7
Durable Goods	350.0	347.8	338.0	+ 0.6	+ 3.6
Lumber and Wood Products	37.3	37.3	37.4	0.0	- 0.3
Furniture and Fixtures	89.4	88.9	85.7	+ 0.6	+ 4.3
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Other Durable Goods 2/	17.9	17.6	16.9	+ 1.7	+ 5.9
Nondurable Goods	511.8	513.0	501.1	- 0.2	+ 2.1
Food and Kindred Products	48.3	48.0	47.7	+ 0.6	+ 1.3
Tobacco Manufacturers	26.3	27.4	29.0	- 4.0	- 9.3
Textile Mill Products	221.0	221.8	212.7	- 0.4	+ 3.9
Apparel and Other Textile Products	92.4	91.9	90.2	+ 0.5	+ 2.4
Paper and Allied Products	22.0	22.1	21.9	- 0.5	+ 0.5
Printing and Publishing	27.7	27.8	27.3	- 0.4	+ 1.5
Chemicals and Allied Products	37.5	37.6	37.4	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	31.8	31.7	30.6	+ 0.3	+ 3.9
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.7	4.7	4.3	0.0	+ 9.3

* Revised.
** Less than 0.05 Percent.
1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.
2/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
3/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.

Table I
(Continued)

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

October 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment Oct. 1987	Sep.* 1987	Oct. 1986	Percent Change From: Sep. 1987	Oct. 1986
Nonmanufacturing	2,016.9	1,997.5	1,943.1	+ 1.0	+ 3.8
Mining	4.9	4.9	4.8	0.0	+ 2.1
Construction	170.4	170.2	162.4	+ 0.1	+ 4.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	137.0	136.5	135.4	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
Transportation, exc. Railroad	76.2	75.8	74.4	+ 0.5	+ 2.4
Comm. and Electric, Gas, and San. Ser.	56.8	56.7	56.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Wholesale and Retail Trade	643.0	638.1	617.2	+ 0.8	+ 4.2
Wholesale Trade	147.7	146.9	143.5	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
Retail Trade	495.3	491.2	473.7	+ 0.8	+ 4.6
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	128.4	128.7	121.2	- 0.2	+ 5.9
Service and Miscellaneous 2/	485.8	482.0	463.2	+ 0.8	+ 4.9
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	27.3	27.8	27.3	- 1.8	0.0
Total Government	447.3	437.0	439.0	+ 2.4	+ 1.9
Federal	52.2	52.3	52.0	- 0.2	+ 0.4
State	131.1	124.5	127.9	+ 5.3	+ 2.5
Local	264.0	260.2	259.1	+ 1.5	+ 1.9

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1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.
2/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
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Table II

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina 1/

October 1987 2/

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1987	Sep.* 1987	Oct.* 1986	Oct. 1987	Sep.* 1987	Oct.* 1986	Oct. 1987	Sep.* 1987	Oct.* 1986
MANUFACTURING	$326.98	$323.46	$310.78	41.6	41.1	41.0	$ 7.86	$ 7.87	$ 7.58
DURABLE GOODS	342.36	332.52	324.66	41.7	40.8	41.2	8.21	8.15	7.88
Lumber & Wood Products	286.18	275.42	271.99	41.0	39.8	40.9	6.98	6.92	6.65
Furniture & Fixtures	293.30	285.65	282.30	40.4	39.4	40.1	7.26	7.25	7.04
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	385.39	373.47	355.73	43.4	42.2	42.5	8.88	8.85	8.37
Primary Metal Industries	385.63	397.38	375.53	41.6	42.5	42.1	9.27	9.35	8.92
Fabricated Metal Industries	409.16	366.13	352.35	42.4	41.7	41.6	9.65	8.78	8.47
Machinery, exc. Electrical	382.67	378.35	365.37	42.9	42.8	41.9	8.92	8.84	8.72
Electrical Machinery	378.75	373.09	363.30	42.7	41.5	42.0	8.87	8.99	8.65
Transportation Equipment	378.25	361.90	362.02	42.5	40.8	41.9	8.90	8.87	8.64
NONDURABLE GOODS	317.82	317.24	302.99	41.6	41.2	41.0	7.64	7.70	7.39
Food & Kindred Products	286.44	282.30	264.42	40.4	40.1	39.0	7.09	7.04	6.78
Tobacco Manufacturers	516.57	501.96	473.17	42.1	39.4	39.3	12.27	12.74	12.04
Textile Mill Products	297.93	294.98	284.43	42.5	42.2	42.2	7.01	6.99	6.74
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	212.08	207.35	201.98	38.7	37.7	38.4	5.48	5.50	5.26
Paper & Allied Products	506.21	527.31	517.96	44.6	46.5	46.0	11.35	11.34	11.26
Printing & Publishing	362.22	375.84	340.07	39.5	40.5	38.6	9.17	9.28	8.81
Chemicals & Allied Products	443.27	452.66	421.17	43.5	43.4	41.7	10.19	10.43	10.10
Plastics & Synthetics	464.61	500.64	470.98	43.3	44.7	42.7	10.73	11.20	11.03
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Prod.	415.48	418.89	377.57	43.1	42.7	41.4	9.64	9.81	9.12
MINING	401.88	402.69	364.01	46.3	46.5	44.5	8.68	8.66	8.18
COMM. & ELEC., GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	524.41	535.86	498.61	42.6	42.8	41.9	12.31	12.52	11.90
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	209.63	211.90	205.36	32.3	32.6	32.7	6.49	6.50	6.28
Wholesale Trade	335.20	334.36	327.16	40.0	39.9	39.8	8.38	8.38	8.22
Retail Trade	175.46	178.98	172.48	30.2	30.7	30.8	5.81	5.83	5.60
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	151.03	147.22	146.48	31.4	30.8	31.1	4.81	4.78	4.71

* Revised.

1/ These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

2/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

Figure I

Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in North Carolina

October 1987

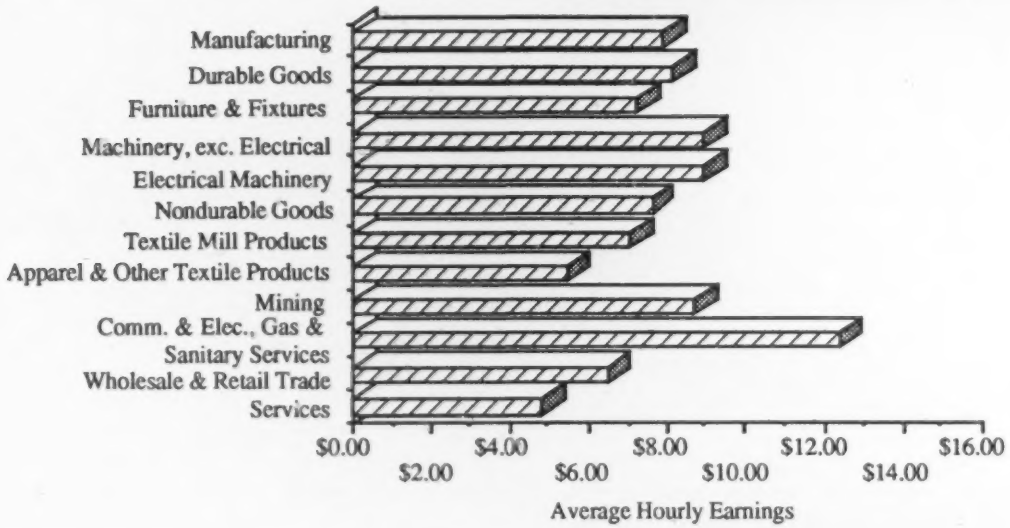

Figure II

Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Industries Compared to the North Carolina Average

October 1987

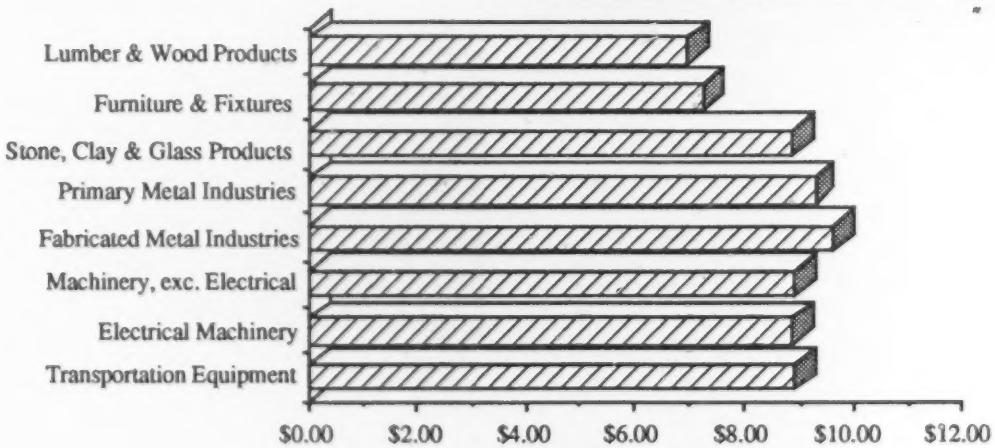

Table III

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

October 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Oct. 1987	Sep.* 1987	Oct. 1986	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1986
Manufacturing	683.3	682.6	666.3	+ 0.1	+ 2.6
Durable Goods	263.5	261.9	255.8	+ 0.6	+ 3.0
Lumber and Wood Products	31.7	31.8	31.8	- 0.3	- 0.3
Furniture and Fixtures	78.1	77.7	75.1	+ 0.5	+ 4.0
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	17.6	17.6	16.6	0.0	+ 6.0
Primary Metal Industries	8.6	8.5	8.2	+ 1.2	+ 4.9
Fabricated Metal Products	20.6	20.4	19.7	+ 1.0	+ 4.6
Machinery, exc. Electrical	29.1	28.8	28.5	+ 1.0	+ 2.1
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	43.6	43.0	44.0	+ 1.4	- 0.9
Transportation Equipment	21.1	21.0	19.1	+ 0.5	+ 10.5
Other Durable Goods	13.3	13.1	12.8	+ 1.5	+ 3.9
Nondurable Goods	419.8	420.7	410.4	- 0.2	+ 2.3
Food and Kindred Products	34.5	34.1	33.8	+ 1.2	+ 2.1
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.0	21.8	23.0	- 3.7	- 8.7
Textile Mill Products	195.5	196.2	188.2	- 0.4	+ 3.9
Apparel and Other Textile Products	80.6	80.1	79.0	+ 0.6	+ 2.0
Paper and Allied Products	16.6	16.6	16.4	0.0	+ 1.2
Printing and Publishing	17.2	17.3	16.8	- 0.6	+ 2.4
Chemicals and Allied Products	24.4	24.5	24.4	- 0.4	0.0
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	26.1	26.1	25.1	0.0	+ 4.0
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.9	3.9	3.6	0.0	+ 8.3

* Revised.
1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.
2/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.